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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant: Hui, et al.
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- (X) Enclosed:
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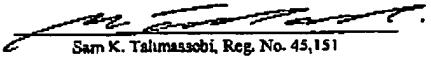
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 18, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTIN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend claim 21 so that the text of the amended claim reads as follows:

21. (ONCE AMENDED) A culture medium, which is capable of supporting growth of viable microorganisms comprising:
 a nutrient broth in a flowable, liquid state;
 a dye which changes color with a change in pH from a first pH range to a second pH range; and